

February 8, 2005 Board Meeting Summary

The Board of Environmental Quality met in Boise, Idaho, on February 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Idaho Conservation League presented a Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking to Amend the Rules for Ore Processing by Cyanidation, IDAPA 58.01.13. After hearing testimony and deliberating the matter, the Board adopted the following motion unanimously:

I move the Idaho board of Environmental Quality respond to the petition by the Idaho Conservation League, for Initiation of Rulemaking, Docket Number 0113-05-02, regarding the *Rules for Ore Processing by Cyanidation*, and the Idaho Mining Association's proposed legislation, Senate Bill 1095 which, if enacted, will require amendments to the Department's *Rules for Ore Processing by Cyanidation*, by directing the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, pursuant to IDAPA 58.01.23.802 to initiate negotiated rulemaking proceedings and to issue a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules in accordance with Idaho Code § 67-5220, on the subject matter raised by the Petition, the proposed legislation, and cyanidation, to obtain comments whether rules should be proposed and what rules, if any, should be proposed and to address any changes to the Department's authorities effected this legislative session with regard to ore processing by cyanidation.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available on the DEQ web site after adoption by the Board at its next meeting. The next scheduled meeting is set for June 22 & 23; however, a meeting may be scheduled for May 19 if rulemaking or contested case issues arise.